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U.S. Application No. 10/768,406 Examiner Wood, Art Unit 3632
Response to August 11, 2006 Office Action

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RESPONSE

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In response to the Office Action dated August 11, 2006, Assignee respectfully submits that all pending claims are in condition for allowance.

The United States Patent and Trademark Office (the "Office") rejected claims 17-21, 23-25, and 28 under 35 U.S.C. § 112 as failing to comply with the written description requirement, rejected claims 26, 27, and 29 as being directed to a non-elected species, and indicated that claims 17-21, 23-25, and possibly 28 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112. The Assignee amends the specification and claims to overcome the cited rejections. For these reasons and others, the Assignee respectfully submits that the pending claims (claims 17-21, 23-25, and 28) are ready for allowance.

Claims 26, 27, and 29:

Claims 26, 27, and 29 are canceled in this Response, and Assignee respectfully submits that the rejection of these claims is now moot.

Claims 17-21, 23-25, and 28:

The Assignee, amends the Specification to support the subject matter of independent claim 17 and dependent claims 18-21, 23-25, and 28. The amendment provides that:

... Further, the free floating rotational joint 618 attaches to a connecting bottom portion 616 that links 620 to the tool support base plate 630. The link 620 includes a pivoting joint that allows the tool support base plate 630 to pivot about a horizontal axis relative to a top portion of the tool support base plate 630.

U.S. Patent No. 10/768,406, paragraph 28 (markings included to show amendments). Further, no new matter has been added and support for these amendments are supported in the Specification, such as, for example, in paragraph 29 that describes:

[0029] FIG. 7 shows a perspective front view of the hanging tool support assembly 600 of FIG. 6. FIG. 7 illustrates the rear hanger 110 having a downwardly extending arm 704. A bottom portion 706 of the downwardly extending arm 704 attaches to the

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tool support base plate 630 by link 720 similar to that of the front hanger 110. Furthermore, the linked attachment of the front and rear hangers 110 to the tool support base plate 630 allows the tool support base plate 630, including any secured tool (not shown), to "rock" that is, the linked attachment allows the tool support base plate flexible movement backwards and forwards and slightly upwards and/or downwards.

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Id., paragraph 29.

CONCLUSION

All of the rejections have been overcome. Therefore, Assignee respectfully solicits a Notice of Allowance for all pending claims (claims 17-21, 23-25, and 28).

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If the Office has any questions, the Office is invited to contact the undersigned at (757) 253-5729 (office), (757) 784-1978 (cellular), or bambi@wzpatents.com.

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